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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Sir:

Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116 in response to the Examiner's Final Office Action mailed April 10, 2001. A Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) accompanies this amendment, thereby making this a timely response.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the amended claim set below, cancelling without prejudice or disclaimer the indicated claims, and give favorable consideration to the remarks herein.